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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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AIDS VACCINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any findings on the AIDS Vaccine has been made;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) India's contribution in such findings?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. No AIDS vaccine has yet been licensed for use in any country. A number of studies are ongoing for development of the vaccine internationally and in India.

(c) Phase-I human vaccine trial using Adeno Associated Virus(AAV) based vaccine was tested at National AIDS Research Institute, Pune, in 30 healthy volunteers. The first phase of the trial has been completed. Modified Vaccinia Ankara (MVA) vaccine an experimental vaccine developed by Indian scientists is undergoing Phase I trial at Tuberculosis Research Centre, Chennai.